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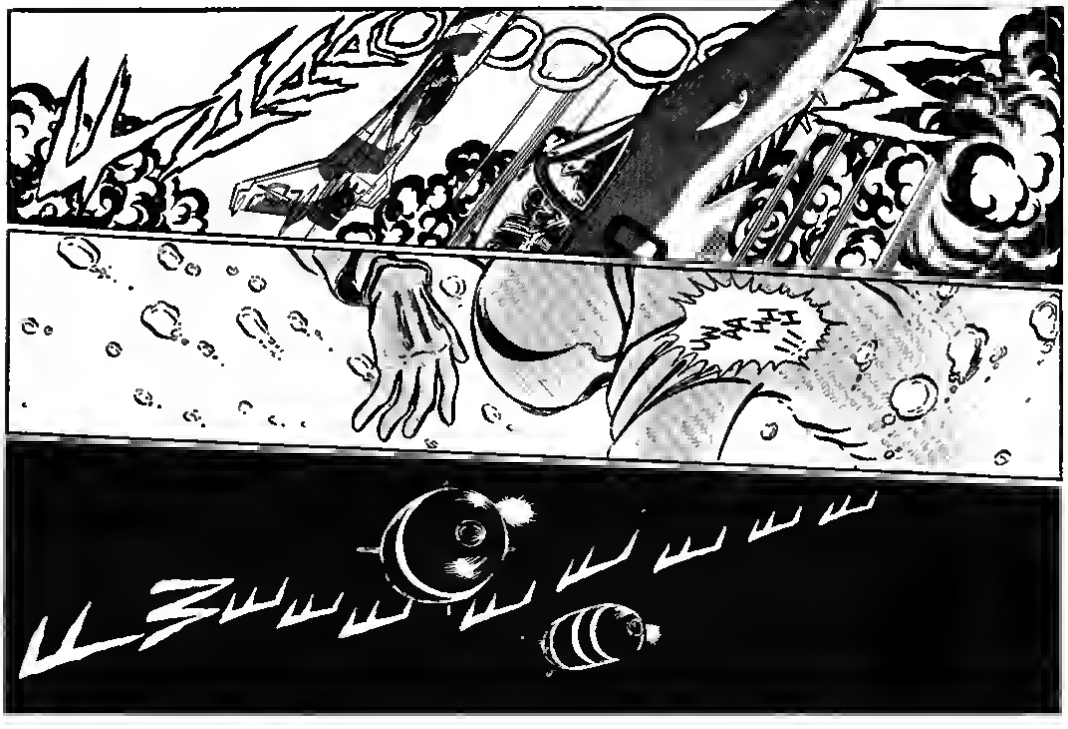
BIWEEKLY
The Battle Grows Fiercer,
The Stakes Grow Higher,
And Saki Learns the
True Meaning of Mercenary
VIZ COMICS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WWWWWWWWWW

MISSION 11:

MERCENARIES VERSUS MERCENARIES

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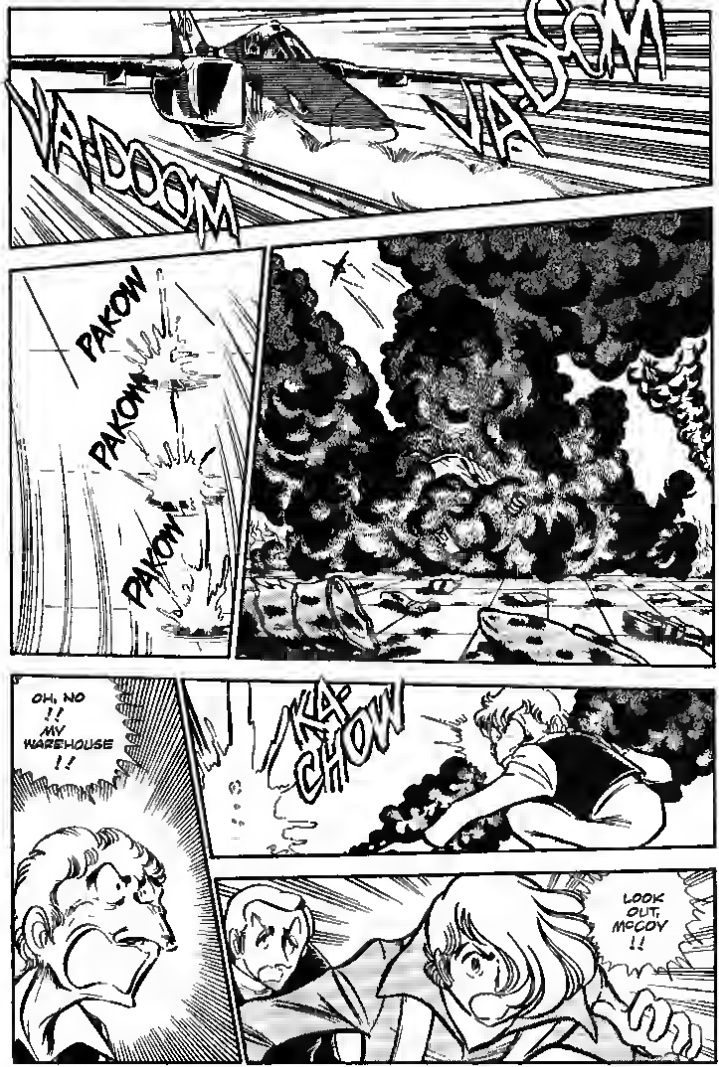
VA-DOOM
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PAKOW
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OH, NO !! MY WAREHOUSE !!
KA-CHOW
LOOK OUT, McCOY !!

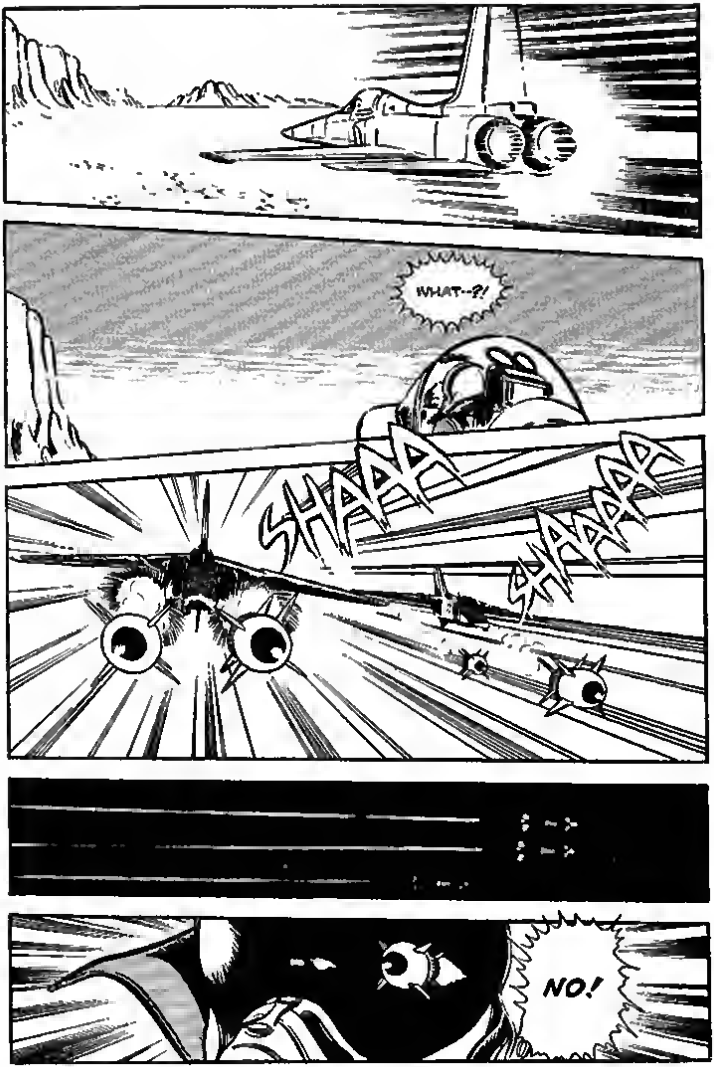
BAWOOM
EEEEEEEEEEE
SCHHH

GIVE ME A DAMAGE REPORT!
FIFTEEN PLANES WERE DESTROYED! PLANES WITH MAJOR DAMAGE, TWENTY! PLANES WITH MINOR DAMAGE, FIVE!
HOW MANY PLANES CAN STILL MAKE A SORTIE?!
ONLY FIVE COINS* FOR GROUND ATTACKS AND A FEW SLOW FIGHTER BOMBERS.
ALL THE FASTER PLANES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED
DAMN... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS ROTTEN LUCK!
IT'S NOT DUE TO BAD LUCK, SAKI.

*COINS COUNTER INSURGENCY AIRCRAFT. SMALL LIGHTLY ARMED GROUND ATTACK AIRPLANES CAPABLE OF OPERATING FROM UNIMPROVED RUNWAYS

ALL THE PHANTOMS ARE DESTROYED
AND THE OTHER FIGHTERS ARE PRACTICALLY USELESS.
THE ANTI-GOVERNMENT FORCES DON'T HAVE ANY PILOTS THAT CAN ATTACK THAT ACCURATELY.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
THEY INVADED AT AN EXTREMELY LOW ALTITUDE TO AVOID OUR RADAR! ONE FORMATION GAINED CONTROL OF THE AIRSPACE! EACH OF THE THREE REMAINING FORMATIONS ATTACKED THE LEFT, MIDDLE, AND RIGHT OF THE AIRFIELD!
THEN, WHEN THE THREE FORMATIONS FINISHED THEIR ATTACK, THE ONE ABOVE DESTROYED ANY MISSED TARGETS BEFORE ESCAPING WITH THE OTHER THREE...
THAT'S A METHOD WE USED IN VIETNAM!!
DON'T YOU SEE? THEY'RE MERCENARIES, TOO!
THEY TOOK OUT EIGHTY PERCENT OF THEIR TARGETS IN THE FIRST ATTACK! THESE GUYS ARE REAL PROS!!

WAAAOOOOH
AT THIS ALTITUDE, THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TRACK ME...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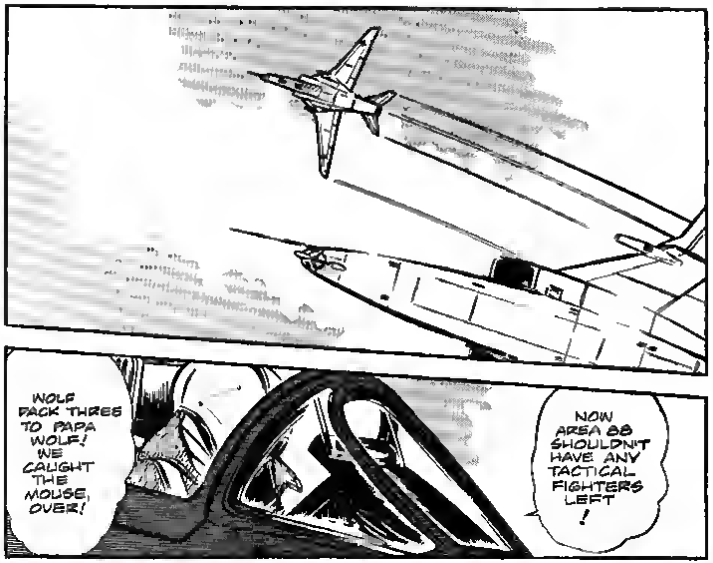
SHAAA
SHAAA
NO!

RRAAWW
ARRGHH !!


NOW AREA 88 SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TACTICAL FIGHTERS LEFT!
WOLF PACK THREE TO PAPA WOLF! WE CAUGHT THE MOUSE, OVER!

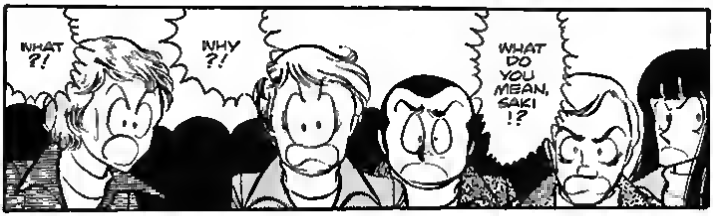
WOLF PACK THREE! MAMA WOLF FORMATION IS HEADED TOWARD YOUR NINE. RETURN WITH THEM!
ROGER! I SEE THEM AT TWELVE O'CLOCK!
WILL JOIN THEM NOW--OUT!

J. DUNBAR CRASHED AT POINT AR-12-CO.. AND NEVER RETURNED..
NOW WE HAVE NO TACTICAL JET FIGHTERS TO MAKE SORTIE...
SAKI !!
WHEN ARE THE NEW PLANES COMING ?!
WE HAVEN'T HAD ANY WEAPONS IN A WEEK !!
THE SUPPLEMENTS FOR THE REGULAR FORCES HAVE BEEN GIVEN PRIORITY.. THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH TO GO AROUND!
OH, NO..
MCCOY, CAN YOU GET US NEW PLANES THROUGH YOUR OWN SOURCES? I REALIZE THAT THEY MAY BE EXPENSIVE..
IF THIS WERE AN ORDINARY SITUATION, I WOULDN'T PASS UP THE CHANCE TO MAKE SOME MONEY.. UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T GET ENOUGH PLANES FOR THE ENTIRE BASE!
DAMN! THIS IS THE WORST SCENARIO I'VE FACED SINCE THE WAR STARTED !

COMMANDER SAKI!
A TELEGRAM JUST CAME IN FROM HEADQUARTERS!
IT SAYS THEY ARE SENDING US TEN KFIRS*!!
REALLY!?
YAHH!!
RIGHT ON!!
YEAH!!
EXCELLENT! WITH TEN PLANES, WE CAN SURVIVE UNTIL MCCOY GETS US THE REST!
SAKI, SELL ME ONE!!
I'LL PAY YOU DOUBLE!!
NO, SELL IT TO ME! I'LL PAY TRIPLE!!
NO, ME!!
NO ME!!

*KFIR: A SUPERSONIC FIGHTER MADE IN ISRAEL AND BASED ON THE FRENCH MIRAGE 5 FIGHTER

I WONT BE SELLING ANY OF THESE AIRCRAFT!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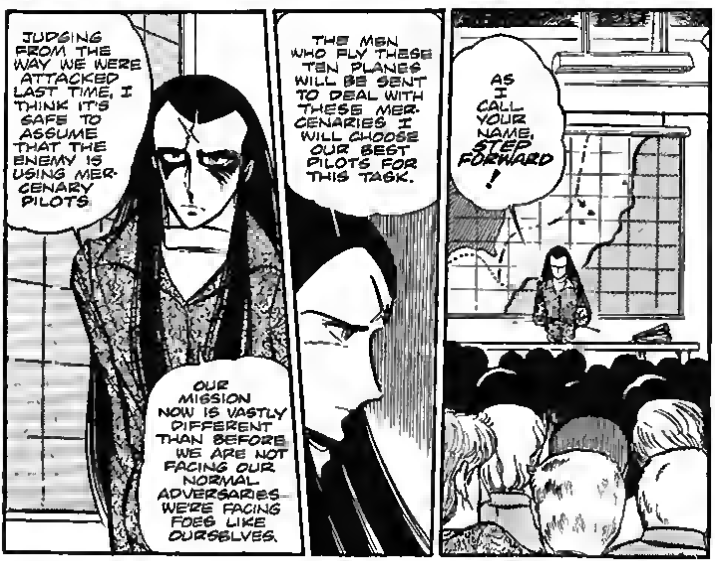
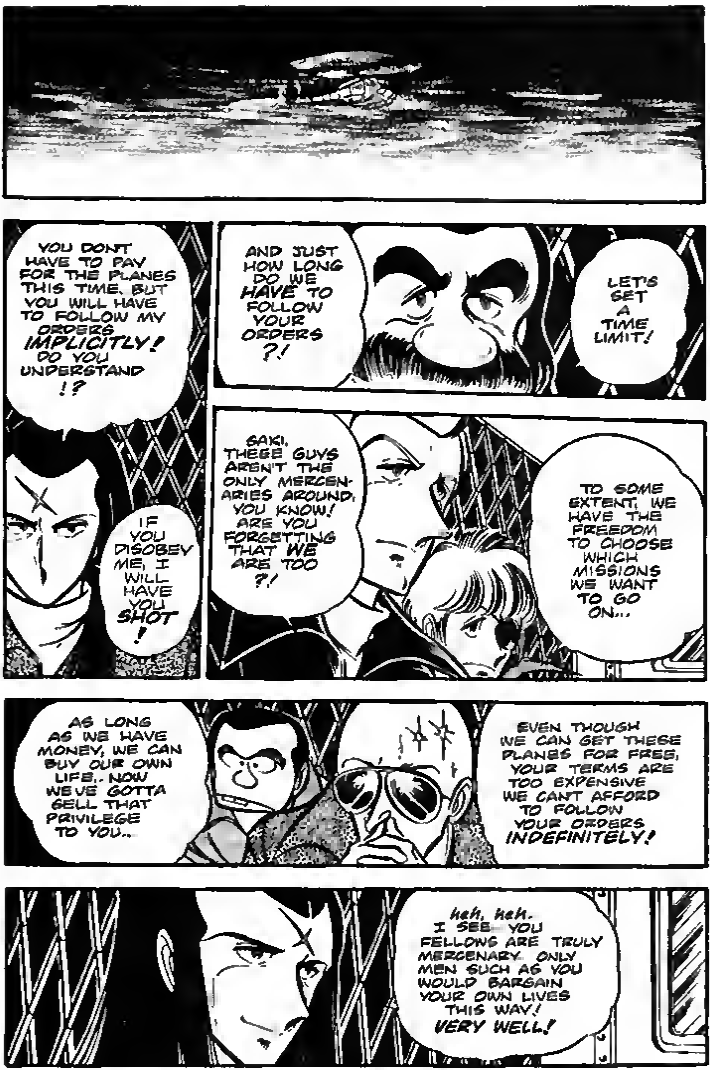
WHY?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SAKI!?


JUDGING FROM THE WAY WE WERE ATTACKED LAST TIME, I THINK IT'S SAFE TO ASSUME THAT THE ENEMY IS USING MERCENARY PILOTS.
OUR MISSION NOW IS VASTLY DIFFERENT THAN BEFORE. WE ARE NOT FACING OUR NORMAL ADVERSARIES. WE'RE FACING FOES LIKE OURSELVES.
THE MEN WHO FLY THESE TEN PLANES WILL BE SENT TO DEAL WITH THESE MERCENARIES. I WILL CHOOSE OUR BEST PILOTS FOR THIS TASK.
AS I CALL YOUR NAME, STEP FORWARD!

SHIN !
MICK !
GREG !
ERIC !
RANDY !
HERE !
ROBERTS !
YO !
HOOVER !
YEAH !
BENSON !
HUH ?!
JAMES !
HERE !
THESE NINE PILOTS WILL GO AND GET THEIR PLANES IMMEDIATELY!


LET'S SET A TIME LIMIT!
AND JUST HOW LONG DO WE HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS?!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY FOR THE PLANES THIS TIME, BUT YOU WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW MY ORDERS IMPLICITLY! DO YOU UNDERSTAND!?
IF YOU DISOBEY ME, I WILL HAVE YOU SHOT!
TO SOME EXTENT, WE HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE WHICH MISSIONS WE WANT TO GO ON...
SAKI, THESE GUYS AREN'T THE ONLY MERCENARIES AROUND, YOU KNOW! ARE YOU FORGETTING THAT WE ARE TOO?!
EVEN THOUGH WE CAN GET THESE PLANES FOR FREE, YOUR TERMS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE WE CAN'T AFFORD TO FOLLOW YOUR ORDERS INDEFINITELY!
AS LONG AS WE HAVE MONEY, WE CAN BUY OUR OWN LIFE.. NOW WE'VE GOTTA SELL THAT PRIVILEGE TO YOU..
heh, heh. I SEE YOU FELLOWS ARE TRULY MERCENARY. ONLY MEN SUCH AS YOU WOULD BARGAIN YOUR OWN LIVES THIS WAY! VERY WELL!

I GIVE YOU TWO MONTHS..
IF YOU FOLLOW MY ORDERS FOR TWO MONTHS, YOUR PLANES WILL BE FREE I WILL EVEN PAY PRIZE MONEY FOR ANY PLANES YOU SHOOT DOWN!
I WILL PAY ALL OF IT!
AND MAINTENANCE COSTS, AS WELL?!
WELL, WHAT ABOUT WEAPONS, SHELLS, AND FUEL?!
DEAL ME IN!
SOUNDS GOOD!
WHAT D'YOU THINK, GUYS?
OKAY, THOSE ARE REASONABLE CONDITIONS!
SAKI AND THE NINE THIEVES.. SOUNDS LIKE A CHILDREN'S FAIRY TALE...!
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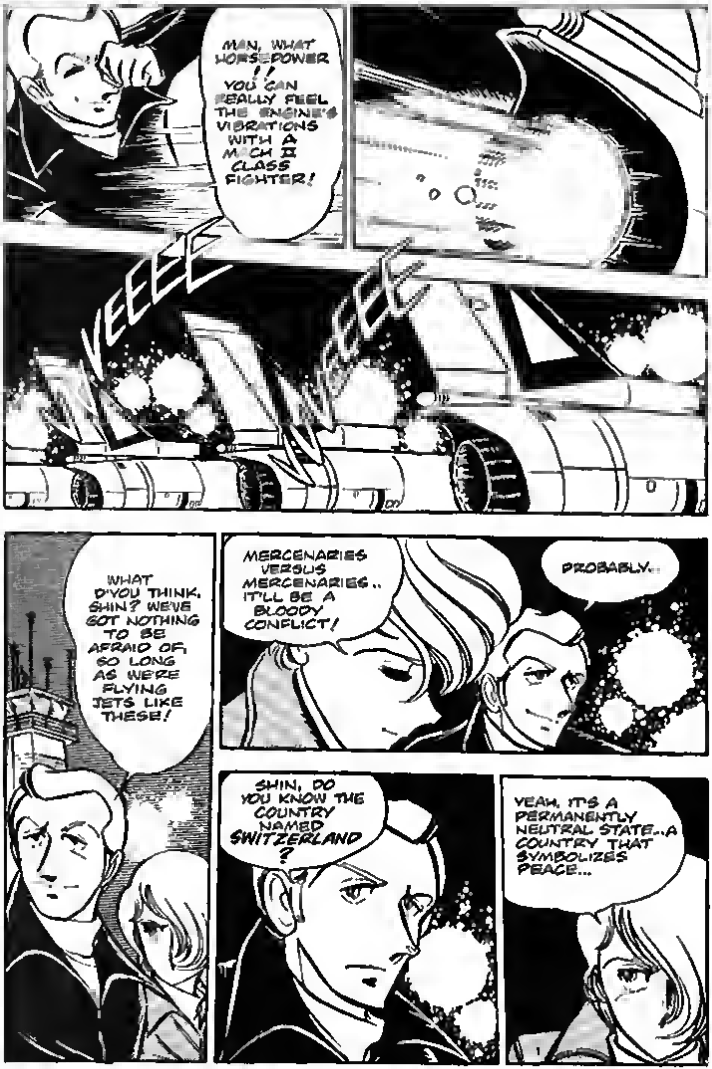

MAN, WHAT HORSEPOWER!! YOU CAN REALLY FEEL THE ENGINE'S VIBRATIONS WITH A MACH II CLASS FIGHTER!
VEEEE
VEEEE
WHAT D'YOU THINK, SHIN? WE'VE GOT NOTHING TO BE AFRAID OF, SO LONG AS WE'RE FLYING JETS LIKE THESE!
MERCENARIES VERSUS MERCENARIES.. IT'LL BE A BLOODY CONFLICT!
PROBABLY...
SHIN, DO YOU KNOW THE COUNTRY NAMED SWITZERLAND?
YEAH, IT'S A PERMANENTLY NEUTRAL STATE..A COUNTRY THAT SYMBOLIZES PEACE...

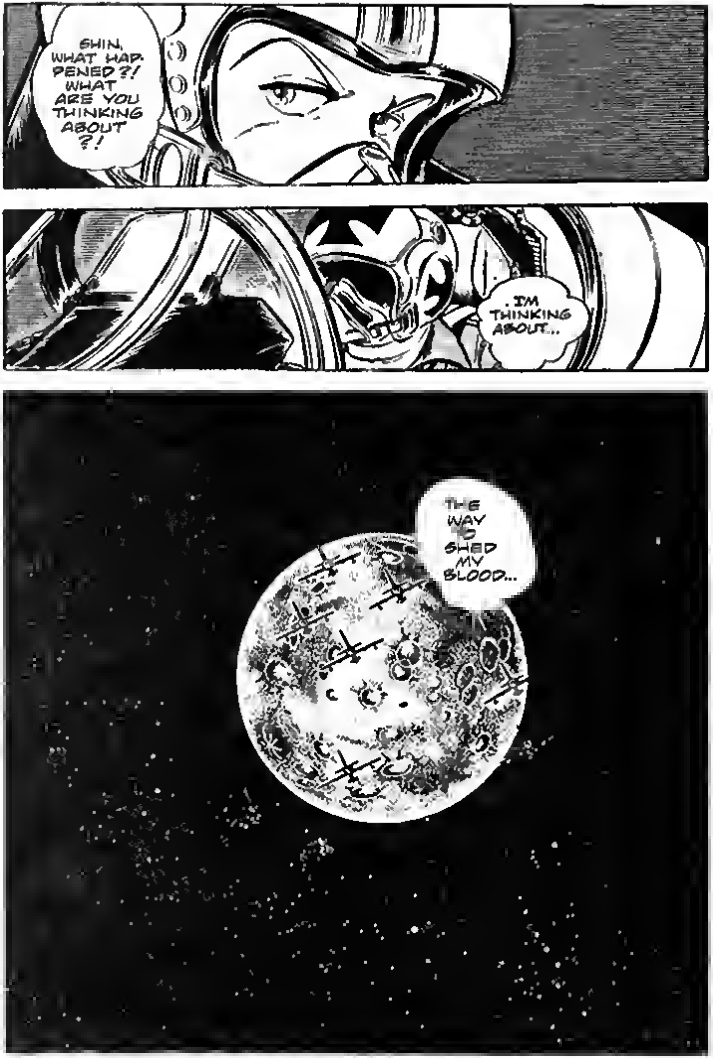
UH-HUH..IT WAS STARTED WHEN A BUNCH OF TINY STATES GOT TOGETHER AND DECIDED TO FORM AN ECONOMIC ALLIANCE...
THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANY MAJOR INDUSTRIES AND COULDN'T EXPORT ANYTHING...ALL THEY HAD WAS PEOPLE. SO THEY MADE ALL THEIR MONEY BY GOING ABROAD...
AS MERCENARIES..
DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR, THE SWISS FOUGHT EACH OTHER AS ENEMIES ACROSS A A FOREIGN BATTLEFIELD.
ALL OF THEM, ON BOTH SIDES, WERE KILLED...
SWITZERLAND IS PERMANENTLY NEUTRAL NOT JUST BECAUSE OF HER PRINCIPLES...
BUT BECAUSE OF THE BLOODY HISTORY OF HER PEOPLE...
PEACE CANT BE SUSTAINED ON PRINCIPLES ALONE...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT ALL THE KILLING AND DESTRUCTION IN THE WORLD SHOULD BE ALLOWED, SO LONG AS IT'S IN THE NAME OF PEACE ?!
M.C.

MOST OF THE HISTORY OF THE HUMAN RACE IS MIRED IN BLOOD...
I THINK THIS CYCLE OF MAKING PEACE WITH BLOODSHED IS STUPID...
THEN SHOULDN'T THE HUMAN RACE TRY NOT TO REPEAT ITS PAST MISTAKES ?
SO THAT LEAVES US WITH BUT ONE CHOICE! WE SHOULD ONLY DIE IN A BATTLE WE CONSENT TO!
MICK...
YOU SEE, SHIN...EVEN IF WE DIE HERE, THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO'D JUDGE THE VALUE OF OUR DEATH WOULD BE HISTORIANS...
WHEN I LEFT AMERICA, I REALIZED THAT I WAS THE KIND OF GUY WHO COULD ONLY LIVE IN A BATTLEFIELD...
BUT I DON'T WANT MY BLOOD TO BE SHED FOR NOTHING... IT'S GOING TO BE SHED ANYWAY, SO IT MAY AS WELL BE FOR A REASON...

FAAAAOOOOM
I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU THE DATA ON THE ENEMY MERCENARY CORPS NOW!
THE PLANES THEY'RE USING ARE MIG-27D'S! THEY'RE A TEAM OF AROUND FIFTEEN FIGHTERS. THEY HAVE EXCELLENT SKILLS IN GROUND ATTACKS AND AERIAL BATTLES. THE CODE NAME THEY USE IS "WOLF PACK," WITH THEIR LEADER USING THE CALL SIGN, "PAPA WOLF!"
DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR HABITS OR SPECIAL TACTICS?
THEY TAKE ANY RISK TO FULFILL THEIR MISSIONS!
NO. WE'LL HAVE TO DISCOVER THOSE BY FIGHTING THEM!
WELL, WE SURE PICKED A NASTY BUNCH OF TROUBLEMAKERS TO DEAL WITH, DIDN'T WE?!

SHOOOOM
SHIN, TAKE A LOOK DOWN AT FIVE O'CLOCK!

SHHAARROOM
BRUTAL..


SHIN, WHAT HAP-PENED?! WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?!
...IM THINKING ABOUT...
THE WAY I SHED MY BLOOD...

MICK...
WHAT ?!
I WON'T SHOW ANY MERCY IN THESE COMING BATTLES !!
I CAN'T AFFORD TO DIE IN THIS DESERT !!
NOW..THE CURTAIN RISES QUIETLY, REVEALING THE BLOODY STAGE...
IS THE FINALE A BURNING HELL...OR A CRIMSON SEA OF CORPSES...?
THE ALTIMETER SHAKES SLIGHTLY...
THIS IS AREA 88...